

# **The Number and Percentage of Children Receiving Timely Health and Mental Health Examinations After Entry Into Foster Care**

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***Sec. 511. The department shall provide reports on a semiannual basis to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house standing committees on families and human services, and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices on the number and percentage of children who received timely physical and mental health examinations after entry into foster care. The goal of the program is that at least 85% of children shall have an initial medical and mental health examination within 30 days after entry into foster care.***



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Data for this semi-annual report is gathered from January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. During this time, 1,905 children needed 30-day medical and mental health exams. Of the 1,905 children, 1,402 (74%) received timely examinations. Completion of timely exams was impacted by scheduling delays in primary care offices and caregiver concerns about exposure to COVID-19.